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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 STEPHEN GARCIA,

1:10-cv-00857-MJS (PC)

12 Plaintiff,

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 vs.

14 GEORGE BAILEY CORRECTIONAL
FACILITY,

15 Defendants.
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18 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to
19 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

20 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity
21 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants
22 reside in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions
23 giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action
24 is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in
25 which the action may otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

26 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in San Diego
27 County, which is in the Southern District of California. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should have
28 been filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. In the interest

1 of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district.
2 See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States
4 District Court for the Southern District of California.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 **Dated:** May 27, 2010

/s/ Michael J. Seng
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE